I am very concerned by NAB's initiative to limit the ability of satellite radio to broadcast traffic, weather, and valuable local information. First, I consider if a violation of my First Amendment rights, but as important, I feel satellite radio provides a valuable service to me. In most of the areas in which I travel, there is no reliable AM or FM service. This is not necessarily in rural areas only. When I do receive an adequate AM or FM signal, the programming is less than desirable. I can be in my vehicle all day and by listening to my satellite radio, I can stay informed about the news, weather, sports, traffic and listen to good music, and I do not have to worry about changing the dial every ten miles.

Believe me, if the free airways offered the same services, I would not be paying to listen to the radio.